

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**8342-86604**

In Re Application Of: **Kevin L. Parsons**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/954,439	Sept. 17, 2001	Omar Flores Sanchez	24628	3724	8498

Invention: **CUTTING DEVICE**



**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 18, 2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: 08/18/2004  
*Date*

until: 09/18/2004  
*Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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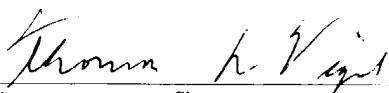
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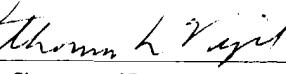
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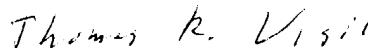
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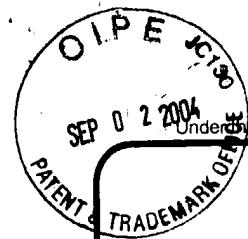
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<b>Application Number</b>	09/954,439
<b>Filing Date</b>	09/17/2001
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Kevin L. Parsons
<b>Art Unit</b>	3724
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Omar Flores Sanchez
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	8342-86604

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</b>	Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
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i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply		iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
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2. <b>Miscellaneous</b>			
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b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
3. <b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>23-0920</u>			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)		09/02/2004 CCHAU1 00000054 230920 09954439	
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